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**Date:** Tue, Apr 22, 2003 9:49 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

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**From:** Chiquita177@cs.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 12:07 AM  
**Subject:** public

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Thank you,  
Maria Palmieri

**From:** Laura Butler  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 1:45 AM  
**Subject:** Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

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April 23, 2003

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Laura Butler

**From:** Barry Lefsky  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 2:38 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming FCC vote

Dear Commissioners:

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Barry Lefsky

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"We will export death and violence to the four corners of the earth in defense of this great country and rid the world of evil." - George W. Bush

An original copy of the Bill of Rights was found, after all these years. We could use one.

Cluster bombs and munitions are illegal under the Geneva Convention, which demands protecting civilians even when intermingled with military personnel. Thousands of cluster bombs were dropped on Baghdad, where they can mutilate or kill years later. Did anyone ask the Iraqis, 50% under the age of 15, if they wanted to be "liberated"? See [www.iraqbodycount.net](http://www.iraqbodycount.net) for statistics on how many Iraqi civilians died so far.

Huge companies control our media. ClearChannel controls more than 1000 radio stations, broadcasting a clear message of hate, racism, and endless war. TV networks are demanding the ability to own an unlimited amount of stations in each broadcast area, a sure way to reduce competing viewpoints. Newspapers merged or failed until most markets have a single daily paper. Weekly papers are often run by national chains who don't care about local news. PBS shows are underwritten by huge companies.

**From:** KAAREN Donnelly  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 3:27 AM  
**Subject:** Halt & Reverse further Media Consolidation & REINSTATE FAIRNESS Doctrine

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**From:** Greg Walls  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 4:10 AM  
**Subject:** Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

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**From:** Kyla Bailey  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 8:49 AM  
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With Respect,

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**From:** Benjamin Kassow  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 9:15 AM  
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**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 10:26 AM  
**Subject:** Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

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**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 11:20 AM  
**Subject:** Opinion

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Thank you,

Norma Palmieri

**From:** bradstuff@cox.net  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 12:02 PM  
**Subject:** Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Dear FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal or significant modification of these rules would likely open the door to numerous mergers that could reduce competition and diversity in the media.

Before the media ownership rules are issued in final form, the public must have the opportunity to review and comment on any specific changes the Commission plans to make.

If media ownership rules are seriously weakened, one company in a town could control the most popular newspaper, TV station, and possibly even a cable system giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of local news. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in a community. It could also raise costs for businesses and candidates that use local media for advertising.

While the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on media ownership, it proposed no actual rule. Accordingly, no public comment has been received on any specific changes. We believe that additional input from the public will help the Commission see the strengths and weaknesses of any new approach.

I encourage you to provide a detailed description of all proposed changes, their empirical basis, and a meaningful period of time for the public to review and comment on any proposed changes before a final rule is issued.

The stakes for citizens and the nation are enormous. More information, not less, about proposed changes would best serve the public interest. Indeed, we hope the Commission would do everything in its power to keep the rulemaking process as open and inclusive as possible.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ron Broy  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 1:43 PM  
**Subject:** hi

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**From:** tony tafoya  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, mcoops@fcc.gov, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 2:54 PM  
**Subject:** Hispanic Media

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Chairman - Michael K. Powell, Commissioners : Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Michael J. Copps, Kevin J. Martin, Jonathan S. Adelstein.

With 38 years experience in Hispanic Radio I find it hard to see the detracton of our community services.

First question: Did you give Univision permission to purchase from Hispanic Broadcasting Corp all it's station?

If you did permit it you have created another monster.

The one who is hearting is the community. We are not able to get PSA's or any community news or services due to the interest of larger communication organizations to dedicate there work to national advertisers and not what the community needs. With a larger demographics they get the entire national buy they need and forget the community they were to serve. Think about it. Univision owns Television two record company's Univision Music and Fonovisa who two years ago were charged with payola.

2. Have you checked on several satellite radio programs that are carried by local area radio stations that promote and talk about pornography and porno ideas? Like it's ok to eat and rub ejaculated sperm. This during the daytime (8 to 10 am)

I would like for you to help congress to brake up the large communications groups so that the communities can get some help.

3. One more thing. The FCC keep saying they do not have the money it need to regulate communications. Well each phone bill I get there is a \$10.00 charge from the FCC and to think how many phones there are in the US and you don't have the money. I wonder.

Tony.

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**From:** mellycorn@prodigy.net  
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Representative Steve Chabot  
Senator George Voinovich

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**From:** Raney Morrison  
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**Date:** Wed, Apr 23, 2003 3:14 PM  
**Subject:** Deregulation

I have read about the up-coming vote to further deregulate the FCC and allow more corporate control over our media. I would like to say that I do not think this is appropriate in a country where free speech is supposedly sacred. Already the media in this country is too regulated, it's virtually impossible to find news actually based in truth or that isn't being regulated. As it is now, I have been forced to read news from the BBC and Australian papers to find out what is truly going on in this country. Knowledge is power, right now the power of the people and our rights are being taken away from us by big business. We are already coming close to being a fascist state, please do not take us one step closer by allowing the media to be further controlled by corporate interests, it is not in the interest of democracy or the American people.

Thank you,  
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